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## **MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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### **UPRIVER ANCHORAGE RESTRICTIONS**

The Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting dredging operations in Mantua Creek Anchorage (Anchorage 9) from October 30, 2009 to November 13, 2009. Vessels transiting the Delaware River near Mantua Creek Anchorage are advised to remain in the main ship channel and avoid transiting through the anchorage. Vessels must operate at the minimum safe speed necessary to maintain steerage and reduce wake.

During this time period vessels desiring to use Mantua Creek Anchorage (Anchorage 9) must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port, Delaware Bay, at least 24 hours in advance, at (215) 271-4807. The COTP will only permit one vessel at a time to anchor in Anchorage 9. Permission to anchor will be granted on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. Vessels will not be permitted to occupy the anchorage for more than 12 hrs.

Vessels are encouraged to utilize Kaighns Point and Deepwater Point Anchorages while Mantua Creek Anchorage is being dredged. Refer to Coast Pilot 3, Chapter 6 for anchorage recommendations for size limitations for these anchorages.

For questions or comments regarding the contents of this MSIB or to obtain permission to anchor at Mantua Creek Anchorage contact the Sector Delaware Bay Command Center at 215-271-4807.



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